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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

BMV announces holiday hours

Branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Thursday, Dec. 26. Also, branches will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours beginning Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit IN.gov/BMV.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

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New device along Wabash River to track water quality

Super gage to provide real-time, continuous measurements

BY ROB BURGESS
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Sitting atop a bridge spanning the Wabash River in New Harmony is a small contraption producing big data. It's the super gage, and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and its partners are counting on it to provide data useful for improving water quality in Indiana's largest river, according to

Chip Sutton, director of communication.

The gage, an invention of the United States Geological Survey (USGS), will provide real-time, continuous measurements of physical and chemical water characteristics every 15 minutes, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

At nearly 500 miles long, the Wabash River spans

the entire state of Indiana and also drains portions of Illinois and Ohio. With 4,400,000 Hoosiers living within its watershed, the Wabash and its tributaries, including the Tippecanoe and White Rivers, provide drinking water for 72 percent of Indiana's counties.

The Wabash River also sends a disproportionate amount of nitrogen and phosphorus runoff and sediment down toward the Mississippi River and ultimately into the Gulf of Mexico, contributing to the hypoxic

Dead Zone, an area about the size of Delaware where nothing can survive. In fact, according to USGS, the Wabash is one of the leading contributors of nitrogen and phosphorus to the Gulf of Mexico.

In response to a Plain Dealer request on Monday, Sutton stated they do not yet have data specific to Wabash County's output of nitrogen and phosphorus runoff and sediment. However, Sutton stated they are working to collect such information.

According to Mike Dunn,

TNC's director of freshwater conservation in Indiana, this past summer, the Indiana State Dept of Agriculture (ISDA), who leads the State Nutrient Reduction Strategy, initiated the Indiana Science Assessment. This assessment will convene the research community to better quantify the nutrients leaving the state via the exit points – including Wabash, Kankakee, Iroquois, Maumee and St. Marys rivers – and then hone in on the

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FISH of Wabash receives \$5K donation



PHOTO PROVIDED

DONATION: Gary Wilson, FISH of Wabash County director, right, accepts the donation.

Ceres Solutions, Land O'Lakes cooperatives' funds contribute to hunger relief

BY ROB BURGESS
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Nearly \$50,000 in charitable donations has been presented to local food banks and pantries just this season alone thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of local residents who make their living in production agriculture, according to Laurel Mann, brand manager for Ceres Solutions Cooperative.

The donations were given through Ceres Solutions Cooperative, and were made possible by local farmers and customers who have done business with the company in the last year.

One of the programs

which benefited from these donations was FISH (Friends in Service Here) of Wabash, who received a \$5,000 donation.

"The FISH donation was \$5,000 total because Ceres Solutions gave \$2,500 and we asked our partners at Land O' Lakes Cooperative to match it on FISH's behalf," stated Mann, in response to a Plain Dealer request Monday. "We ask that they use the funds for local hunger relief ... especially where the program may benefit children."

Ceres Solutions Cooperative, based in Crawfordsville, serves more than 37 counties in Indiana and Michigan.

Every year, the company strives to give back in each local communities through several core initiatives: FFA, 4-H, Soil and Water Conservation, academic scholarship and alleviating hunger.

Many charitable donations made by Ceres qualify for a dollar-for-dollar match from regional partner Land O'Lakes Cooperative, based in Minnesota. "In celebration of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, Ceres Solutions employees and farmer-directors have had the privilege of presenting donation checks that will be invested right here to benefit local families re-

cently," stated Mann.

Other organizations which have received funds include Food Finders in Lafayette, Terre Haute Catholic Charities, Foodbank of Northern Indiana in South Bend, Community Harvest Foodbank North East in Fort Wayne, Third Phase in Noblesville, Feeding America West Michigan, and the McBain Backpack Program in Falmouth, Michigan.

A donation was also made to Feed My Starving Children, which is a global ministry local employees, farmers and directors support.

For more information, visit www.ceres.coop.

ISP to increase patrols over the holidays

Operation CARE is a federally-funded program

Staff Report

Millions of Americans will be traveling over this Christmas and New Year's holiday period, with the majority traveling by automobile. What this means for Hoosiers is more traffic on the highways. To help ensure the safety of all motorists, the Indiana State Police will be participating in Operation Combined Accident Reduction Effort (CARE) through Thursday, Jan. 2.

Operation CARE is a federally funded program that allows additional troopers to patrol Hoosier roadways looking for drivers that are driving aggressively or impaired.

ISP encourages motorists to follow these safety rules:

■ When planning to travel, make sure you are well-rested, as a fatigued driver is a dangerous driver.

■ Increase your following distance. Remember the 2-second rule.

■ Watch for slowed or stopped traffic when approaching construction zones or crash sites.

■ Leave a car length between you and the vehicle in front of you in stopped traffic. Watch approaching traffic in your mirror and be prepared to take evasive action.

■ Decrease your speed according to traffic and road conditions.

■ Beware of bridges, overpasses and intersections where ice tends to form

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Give the gift of life this holiday season

Two blood donation opportunities scheduled in Wabash County

Staff Report

During this season of giving, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give the gift of life to help ensure patients don't have to worry about the availability of blood this winter. Blood and platelet

donations of all types are needed, especially type O.

Holiday travel and severe winter weather often lead to a decline in blood donations. Across the U.S., 37 blood drives have already been canceled since Dec. 1, resulting in more

than 1,000 uncollected donations. However, a patient's need for lifesaving treatment doesn't take a vacation or stop for nasty weather.

Blood and platelets are needed every day for those receiving treatment for cancer and leukemia, accident and burn victims and surgical patients, among others.

As a special thank you for

being the lifeline for patients this holiday season, those who come out to give blood or platelets with the Red Cross through Jan. 5 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

To schedule an appointment to donate, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-

2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In Wabash County, the Red Cross has scheduled blood donation opportunities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive; and from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

Pothole Christmas tree inspires pastor to write holiday song

McCOMB, Miss. (AP) — A scraggly metal Christmas tree planted in a pothole has inspired a Mississippi minister to pen a holiday song.

One bit asks, “If a man can take a pothole and bring the whole world together, the question is what are you doing to spread the Christmas joy?”

The Rev. Leon Hitchens of Webb Chapel Church in Liberty wrote “Pothole Christmas Tree” after local radio host Fern Crossley showed him the makeshift holiday scene, the Enterprise-Jour-

nal of McComb reported.

The song celebrates John Drummond, who stuck the base of a wire Christmas tree into the traffic cone sticking out of the pothole. Neighbors decorated it with tinsel, ornaments and a large star on the top. An Associated Press account went worldwide, leading to additional coverage by Fox News.

Drivers are now going out of their way to check out the pothole and its decoration.

“I was really moved by the story,” Hitchens said. “All because of the spirit

of Christmas and how Mr. Drummond took what was supposed to be a bad situation and made it for the good.”

The city board said at last week’s meeting that crews are repairing poles as tight finances allow, and a \$3.2 million bond issue dedicated to street paving may let the city fill others.

Though many people take down their Christmas trees by New Year’s Day, it’s uncertain whether the city will have the pothole fixed by then.

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first during cold inclement weather.

■ Be courteous to your fellow motorists. Turn signals when changing lanes help to eliminate road rage incidents.

■ Make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly restrained, including making sure child safety seats are properly anchored and that

children stay securely fastened in them.

■ Don’t be distracted. Pull over and stop to use electronic devices.

■ Don’t drive impaired. Have a designated driver or use a ride-sharing service.

■ Move over and slow down for emergency and highway service vehicles.

■ Don’t “hang out” in the left lane. This is one of the most common triggers for a road rage incident. Always drive in the right lane except

to pass a slower moving vehicle

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, safety belt use is the most effective strategy a person can employ to prevent death and minimize injury resulting from traffic collisions. Motorists are encouraged to report aggressive or suspected impaired drivers by calling 911. Give a vehicle description, location and direction of travel.

TRACKING

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10 major basins to evaluate where the nutrients loadings are coming from to prioritize and focus efforts.

“This work will be occurring over the next year,” stated Sutton.

Up until the super gage’s

installation this year, conservation partners working along the Wabash River had to largely rely upon models to provide insight into the river’s water quality.

What they needed was a super gage. But super gages are not cheap. A typical super gage on a major river costs several hundred thousand dollars.

“Generous funding from Nestlé Purina PetCare, which has supported TNC’s work along the Wabash River for the past three years, put the super gage process into motion. Additional funding from Walton Family Foundation, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation and the ISDA secured the deal,” stated Sutton.

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Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

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Laketon American Legion Post offering breakfast and lunch

The Laketon American Legion Post will be offering breakfast and lunch from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. The Blue Bird Cafe will be closed.

First Day Hike planned at Salamonie Lake

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services’ staff for a First Day Hike at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1 at Salamonie Lake at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Meet at the interpretive center for a one-hour stroll through the woods along the moderate Tree Trail. Dress for the weather. Families and friendly dogs on leashes welcome. Advance

registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

Honeywell Foundation's Annual Winter Bash draws near

The Annual Winter Break Bash, hosted by the Honeywell Foundation, will take place Thursday, Jan. 2 and Friday, Jan. 3 at various Honeywell Foundation venues including the Honeywell Center and Charley Creek Gardens. For more information about Winter Bash, visit the Honeywell Center website at www.honeywellcenter.org or call the Box Office at 260-563-1102.

January Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Potato soup will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Artists sought for Honeywell Foundation's art competition

The Honeywell Foundation’s Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show from Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 through Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to

2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. For complete guidelines visit www.honeywellcenter.org/92-county-art-show. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Red Cross schedules blood drive opportunity for Jan. 7, 2020

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13






Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization’s largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.





Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Thursday Cloudy Areas of Fog 61 / 40	 Friday Partly Cloudy 47 / 35	 Saturday Scattered Rain 54 / 46	 Sunday Showers Likely 52 / 29	 Monday Mostly Cloudy 33 / 25
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:26 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:11 a.m.

 New 12/26	 First 1/2	 Full 1/10	 Last 1/17
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with areas of fog, high of 61°, humidity of 74%. South southwest wind 9 to 14 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 40°. Southwest wind 6 to 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 38°. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 47°, humidity of 65%.

Employee forced to pay for business travel

DEAR HARRIETTE: I recently started a job that involves a lot of travel. I was given a company credit card but was told that I have to pay for my own food and charge the company back for a small percentage of it. Basically, they provide us with a tiny per diem. Worse than that, though, is that on my third trip out, I discovered that my company credit card didn’t work because the company hadn’t paid the bill. I ended up having to use my personal credit card. I am still waiting to be reimbursed. How can I address this with my boss? I need this job, but I can’t afford to fund my travel. I’m on the road several times a month. What can I say or do to correct this? – Can’t Float the Job

Harriette Cole Sense & Sensitivity



DEAR CAN'T FLOAT THE JOB: Request a private meeting with your boss to explain the situation. Be honest and state that you cannot afford to pay for your travel and be reimbursed at a later time. Point out how frequent the travel is for your company. Be strong and clear when you tell your boss how enthusiastic you are about being on the road and doing a good job, but complete the thought by asking for the credit card debt to be handled so that you are able to go back out there. You may want to ask for your room to be pre-paid in the future so that you avoid having the same problem.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I saw your advice to the lady who wanted to quit wearing high heels, and I thought it was very good advice. Unfortunately, it is too late for me. I, too, am short and started wearing 5- or 6-inch stiletto heels every day at 18. I worked in retail for many, many years and was on my feet all day long in my heels. I am now 56 years old, and I am stuck in high heels, despite the fact they

hurt. My back, legs and feet have numerous problems. My Achilles tendon has tightened so much that I am stuck in high heels and must wear them whenever I stand, otherwise I stand on my tiptoes. I can’t put my heels on the ground anymore. A doctor told me I would need surgery, but my health insurance will only cover pennies on the dollar. Please warn other women not to get too caught up in high heels, and if they do, stretch their bodies to maintain flexibility. I don’t know what I’m going to do when I get into my 70s or 80s and have to totter around in 5-inch heels! – Permanently Stuck in Heels and Scared

DEAR PERMANENTLY STUCK IN HEELS AND SCARED: Thank you for your cautionary tale. I do

hope that other women out there who find themselves in a similar predicament will take heed.

For you, check with teaching hospitals in your area. Sometimes, these hospitals will accept patients at much lower fees in exchange for allowing the students to observe or operate on the patients themselves. I know several people who have had successful surgeries performed at such medical establishments for free or close to free – for everything from dental surgery to cancer surgery. You can trust them.

Harriette Cole is a lifestyle and founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.



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All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

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Little Women (PG) Wed: 3:35, 6:40, 9:40 • Thurs: 12:35, 3:35, 6:40, 9:40	Thurs (12/19): 6:45 • Fri: 6:30, 9:15 • Sat: 12:50, 3:35, 6:30, 9:15 Sun: 12:50, 3:35, 6:10 • Mon: 12:50, 3:35, 6:30 Wed: 3:45, 6:30, 9:25 • Thurs: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:25
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Student who saved classmates from shooting honored as Jedi

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) – A North Carolina college student hailed by police as a hero for preventing more injuries and deaths after a gunman opened fire in a classroom has now been immortalized as a Jedi by the production company for the Star Wars franchise.

News outlets report the family of Riley Howell, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte student who is described as a huge Star Wars fan, was tipped off by Lucasfilm, in May that it planned to honor him in a forthcoming book, “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker – The Visual Dictionary.” The book was released by publisher DK to coincide with the release of the new film “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker.”

In May, the fan relations team for Lucasfilm wrote a letter to Howell’s family expressing condolences.

“Riley’s courage and selflessness brings out the Jedi in all of us,” wrote fan relations team member

Lucas Seastrom. “We hope that you may rejoice in his memory, and we join you in honoring his life and example.”

“As a small tribute, our Story Group has incorporated a reimagining of Riley’s name as a character in the Star Wars galaxy,” Seastrom continued. “... The Force will be with Riley, and all of you, always ...”

The entry in the book is just 66 words, but credits Jedi master and historian “Ri-Lee Howell” with collecting “many of the earliest accounts of exploration and codifications of The Force.”

Riley Howell’s mother, Natalie Henry-Howell, told The Charlotte Observer that that this actually marks the second time her son has appeared in a “Star Wars” book: When he was a little boy, an uncle had a personalized book made for Riley that put him in the starring role of “The Phantom Menace.”

“It was a big hit of a gift,” she recalls, noting that the

inclusion in the new book is far more significant.

“And I like the way they actually left his last name,” Henry-Howell says. “I think he would really be appreciative of that. Because, you know, they could have just said Ri-Lee – Jedi Ri-Lee – and we’d be guessing the whole time about whether or not that was really (him), but they put his last name in there just to really honor him ... and that really made me cry when I heard about it.”

The entire family went to see the new movie on opening night. They brought his ashes, and left a seat open for him.

“I think,” Henry-Howell says, “he would have liked the way it ended.”

Howell, 21, and a classmate died April 30 when a gunman opened fire in a classroom in the Kennedy building on UNCC’s campus. Four other students were injured, but police say Howell’s actions prevented more injuries or loss of life.

“You’re either going to

run, hide and shield, or you’re going to take the fight to the assailant,” Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Chief Kerr Putney said. “Having no place to run and hide, he did the last.”

Lauren Westmoreland, Howell’s longtime girlfriend, said in an email, that the honor of becoming a Jedi was one that was closest to his heart.

“Though he wasn’t an artist, he loved to draw the clone trooper helmets all the time, sometimes even on my birthday cards,” Westmoreland said.

Lauren’s father, Kevin Westmoreland, said Howell studied the Star Wars universe for most of his life.

“He had a very strong sense of good and evil, and how to live life as someone who looked out for others,” Westmoreland said. “Seeing him listed as both a Jedi and a historian in Star Wars lore is a perfect way to connect him to this story and the characters he loved.”

William E. Staton

William E. Staton, 81, North Manchester passed away Dec. 22, 2019 at his residence. William E. Staton will be remembered by his sons, Burnie (Val) Staton and Wayne (Luci) Staton; two daughters, Nola (Tim) Hudson and Iva “Moe” (John) Hedrick; two brothers, Herman (Louise) Staton and Kenny (Judy) Purvis; one sister, Anna Francis Goldy; 15 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Calling Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019 from 2 - 7 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Funeral services will be Friday, Dec. 27, 2019 at 11 a.m. with calling beginning at 10 a.m.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

JFK letter promising Santa safe during Cold War on display

BY PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON — In the throes of the Cold War, the Soviet Union was planning to test a massive nuclear bomb in the Arctic Circle.

But in a letter to then-President John F. Kennedy, a young Michigan girl was most concerned about the North Pole’s most famous resident.

“Please stop the Russians from bombing the North Pole,” 8-year-old Michelle Rochon, of Marine City, pleaded, according to news reports at the time. “Because they will kill Santa Claus.”

Kennedy’s brief, but reassuring response to Rochon is part of a trove of holiday-themed archival materials being featured this month at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.

“You must not worry about Santa Claus,” the president wrote on Oct. 28, 1961. “I talked with him yesterday and he is fine. He will be making his rounds again this Christmas.”

Kennedy also told Rochon that he shared her concern about the Soviet Union’s test, “not only for the North Pole but for countries throughout the world; not only for Santa Claus but for people throughout the world.”

Photos of the Kennedys celebrating Christmas in the White House and copies of the family’s Christmas cards are among the other holiday keepsakes being highlighted in a seasonal display in the library’s lobby.

Rochon, who now goes by the last name Phillips, told The Boston Globe in 2014 that she never thought the letters would resonate the way it did back then, when it turned her into something of a national sensation.

“I was just worried about Santa Claus,” she told the Globe.

The Soviets, meanwhile, made good on their threat to bomb the North Pole. Two days after Kennedy penned his letter, they dropped the “King of Bombs,” as it was dubbed in Russian.

Reportedly 1,570 times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined, it shattered windows as far away as Norway and Finland. It’s still considered the most powerful man-made explosive ever detonated.

Kennedy and other world leaders were quick to denounce the bomb test, The Washington Post reports. None of the officials’ statements, however, addressed Santa’s fate.

Gala Christmas Day for Queen Elizabeth II

BY GREGORY KATZ and JON SUPER
Associated Press

SANDRINGHAM, England — Queen Elizabeth II and her close family spent a gala Christmas Day at her palatial countryside retreat, feasting on locally-reared turkey after attending a church service.

The queen’s traditional pre-recorded Christmas message was broadcast throughout Britain and the Commonwealth nations Wednesday afternoon. Britain’s longest reigning monarch emphasized the need for forgiveness and reconciliation and admitted it had been a difficult year.

Talking about the desire to follow the example set by Jesus Christ, she said: “The path, of course, is not always smooth, and may at times this year have felt quite bumpy, but small steps can make a world of difference.”

Surrounded by family photos, the queen also spoke about the sacrifices made by the World War II generation and paid tribute to the armed forces and Britain’s emergency services.

Noting the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion that liberated Europe from the Nazis, she said today’s challenges are different – and made what for her was a rare mention of climate change.

“The challenges many people face today may be different to those once faced by my generation, but I have been struck by how new generations have brought a similar sense of purpose to issues such as protecting our environment and our climate,” she said.

Her comment about a “bumpy” year was seen as referring both to Britain’s laborious exit from the European Union, which is now expected on Jan. 31 after voters gave the pro-Brexit Conservative Party a comfortable majority in Parliament, and to the royal family’s difficulties.

The message was recorded before her 98-year-old husband Prince Philip was hospitalized for four days for treatment of a “pre-existing condition” that was not revealed to the public. He was able to join the rest of the family for Christmas.

It was a festive day as the queen was joined at the Christmas church service for the first time by Prince George, 6, and Princess Charlotte, 4, the two eldest children of Prince William and his wife, Kate. They left 1-year-old Prince Louis at home.

Other senior royals also trooped to the morning service at St. Mary Magdalene Church near her Sandringham estate in eastern England.

George and Charlotte walked to church hand in hand with their parents William and Kate. Prince Charles, their grandfather, walked next to them. Charles, William and George are in line to follow the queen to the throne.

The queen arrived in a chauffeur-driven maroon Bentley with Charles’ wife, Camilla.

Prince Andrew, who has stepped down from royal duties because of his association with a convicted sex offender, attended an earlier church service with his brother Charles at his side.

Prince Harry, his wife, Meghan, and their 7-month-old son, Archie, did not attend. They are spending the holiday in Canada with Meghan’s mother, Doria Ragland.

The royals were greeted by several hundred well-wishers who had gathered outside the church grounds. After the service, William, Kate and their two children mingled with the crowd to exchange Christmas greetings.

Gemma Clark, who was in a wheelchair, gave Charlotte an inflatable pink flamingo and received a hug in return. She said the flamingo was called Felicity but that Charlotte is free to give it another name.

“It made my day,” Clark added. “I’ve never seen the royal family, ever.”

Royal problems this year included Andrew’s retreat from public duties following a disastrous TV interview in which he defended his friendship with sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and failed to show empathy for Epstein’s young female victims.

Andrew’s decision to attend an early church service rather than join the family for the traditional service reflects his isolated position now that he is no longer carrying out any royal duties. Lawyers representing Epstein’s victims are seeking Andrew’s testimony for civil suits against the estate of Epstein, who died in prison in August in what New York officials said was a suicide.

The royal family has also endured what many close observers think is a rift between William and Harry, who has said he and William are now on separate paths.

It has been a difficult year of adjustment for Harry and Meghan. They have complained bitterly about constant scrutiny by the media as they settle into family life with Archie and have sought to take a break from royal responsibilities.

Some British newspapers have interpreted their decision to spend Christmas with Meghan’s mother as a snub to the queen and other royals.

Songwriter Allee Willis dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Allee Willis, a songwriter whose work included the Broadway musical “The Color Purple” as well as the theme song from the TV show “Friends” and Earth, Wind & Fire’s “September,” has died. She was 72.

The cause of death Tuesday was a cardiac event, her publicist, Ellyn Solis, told The New York Times.

The Times did not specify where she died, though she had been living in Los Angeles. The Associated Press could not immediately reach Solis.

Willis was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2018 – more than 30 years after she won a Grammy for co-writing Patti LaBelle’s “Stir It Up” for the soundtrack of “Beverly Hills Cop.”

She was nominated for but did not win, Grammy and Tony awards for co-writing the music for “The Color Purple.”

She was also nominated for an Emmy for the “Friends” theme song, “I’ll Be There for You” performed by the Rembrandts but lost to the theme of “Star Trek: Voyager.”

She wrote hundreds of other songs, including pieces for Ray Charles, Sister Sledge and Cyndi Lauper.

Willis grew up in Detroit and was raised on the sounds of Motown, though she never learned to play music. She attributes her love for music to visiting Motown studios every weekend while growing up.

She is survived by her partner, Prudence Fenton.

Pope offers hope against darkness in Christmas Day message

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis offered a Christmas message of hope Wednesday against darkness that cloaks conflicts and relationships in large parts of the world from the Middle East to the Americas to Africa.

The pope told tens of thousands of tourists, pilgrims and Romans gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the annual Christmas Day message that “the light of Christ is greater” than the darkness “in human hearts” and “in economic, geopolitical and ecological conflicts.”

The traditional “Urbi et

Orbi” (“to the city and to the world”) Christmas message has become an occasion for popes to address suffering in the world and press for solutions. Francis was flanked by Cardinal Renato Raffaele Martino, president of the papal council for migrants, and Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the pope’s official almsgiver.

The pope cited the Syrian people “who still see no end to the hostilities that have rent their country over the last decade” as well as Israel, where Jesus “was born as the savior of mankind and where so many people – struggling but not discour-

aged – still await a time of peace, security and prosperity.”

Francis also called for an easing of the crisis in Lebanon, social tensions in Iraq and “a grave humanitarian crisis” in Yemen.

He noted that a number of countries in the Americas “are experiencing a time of social and political upheaval,” citing “the beloved Venezuelan people, long tried by their political and social tensions.”

The pope also noted migrants forced by injustice “to emigrate in the hope of a secure life.” Instead of finding

acceptance, Francis said injustice continues along their journey, where they often face abuse, enslavement and torture in “inhumane detention camps” and death during dangerous sea and desert crossings.

And once migrants arrive in “places where they might have hoped for a dignified life” ... they “instead find themselves before walls of indifference,” he said.

The pope offered prayers of hope for the people of Africa, including those in Congo “torn by continuing conflicts” and the people of Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger

and Nigeria, where people have been “persecuted for their religious faith.”

And in an extraordinary message, Francis along with two other religious leaders urged the rival leaders of South Sudan to maintain a pledge to form a coalition government early next year. A peace deal to end a 5-year civil war that killed close to 400,000 people was signed last year, but a November deadline to form a coalition government was extended to February as key aspects of the peace deal still need to be resolved.

The message, issued sepa-

rately from the traditional papal Christmas address, was signed by the leader of the Anglican church, Archbishop Justin Welby, and the Rev. John Chalmers, ex-moderator of the Church of Scotland.

The religious leaders offered assurances “of our spiritual closeness as you strive for a swift implementation” of peace agreements and prayers “for a renewed commitment to the path of reconciliation and fraternity.”

The leaders also expressed a desire to visit the East African nation.

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Daily scripture

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

A show trial, where the fix is in, will do lasting damage

For only the third time in this country's history, a president has been impeached. It now will be up to the U.S. Senate to determine whether President Donald Trump becomes the first one to be convicted by trial in the Senate and removed from office.

The Senate impeachment trial was designed by the founders to be a serious, deliberative proceeding. For that reason, senators acting as jurors take an oath to do "impartial justice." In deciding the case before them, they are free to question witnesses. A conviction must be delivered by a supermajority, to foster consensus. In another move intended to convey impartiality, the chief justice of Supreme Court presides.

At least that's how it's supposed to work. But what is left of all those high-minded intentions when two key figures, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham, have already declared their full cooperation with the defendant?

It is unsettling that McConnell and company are so emboldened that they don't even feel the need to go through the motions of a fair trial. This is where, at least in theory, the president

should be able to make his strongest defense against the charges made by the House. To call the witnesses that would clear his name and attest that the actions he took were not for his personal gain. But now, after months of bitter complaints that Trump had no chance to defend himself, after absurd, over-the-top outrage that he has been treated worse than a witch at the Salem trials, worse than Jesus Christ at the hands of Pontius Pilate, the defense apparently intends to produce ... nothing.

And really, there is no need when the fix is in. In a recent interview with Fox News host Sean Hannity, McConnell said there was "zero chance" the president would be removed from office, and vowed "total coordination" with the White House and the Trump defense team.

Impeachment and potential removal of a president is a rare and grave matter and deserves to be treated as such, not dismissed as simply another partisan maneuver. Whether McConnell acknowledges it or not, the House did its due diligence, with hearings in which witnesses corroborated one another on information that led to the charges. Trump blocked

some of the most important witnesses and attempted to intimidate those who did testify – itself an obstruction of a legal and valid investigation.

The founders intended impeachment as a necessary curb on a rogue leader, because even more important than the presidency are the carefully constructed checks and balances that undergird our government. They hardly could have imagined a circumstance in which senators would yield that power in favor of protecting the very leader they are duty-bound to hold to account.

If the Senate acquits Trump, so be it. No president has ever been convicted. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is withholding the articles of impeachment until the Senate shows it will conduct a fair trial, with documents and witnesses. Only then, she said, will the House appoint managers who would handle the prosecution. McConnell's discomfort is understandable. But lasting damage will be done if the Senate conducts only a show trial with a predetermined outcome that would be an acquittal in name only.

This editorial was first published in The Star Tribune.



As impeachment move to Senate, get ready for surprises

The battle to remove President Trump from office has moved to the Senate. Minority Leader Charles Schumer grabbed control of the debate Monday with demands for what he called "fairness" in the president's trial.

Schumer wants the Senate to allow testimony from four witnesses the House did not interview: former national security adviser John Bolton; acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney; key Mulvaney aide Robert Blair; and Office of Management and Budget official Michael Duffey. House Democratic impeachers wanted the men to testify, but after the White House, claiming privilege, refused, House leaders chose not to try to force them to appear. Going to court to compel their testimony, Democrats said, would take too much time.

Now Schumer wants the witnesses simply to forget about privilege questions and testify in the Senate trial.

"How, on such a weighty matter, could we avoid hearing this, could we go forward without hearing it?" Schumer asked at a news conference Monday. "I haven't seen a single good argument about why these witnesses shouldn't testify – unless the president has something to hide and his supporters want that information hidden."

Republicans will respond that the Senate is not the place for fact-finding – that is, for senators to become investigators and do what the House declined to do.

Some will also note that the House chose not to seek the appointment of an outside investigator – a special counsel – to establish what happened in the Trump-Ukraine matter, and the Senate is ill-equipped to play that role.

Many will also argue that the facts of the case do not align with the Democratic accusation of bribery, and more testimony will not change that. Others will argue that they don't believe what the president did rises to the level of an impeachable offense.

In other words, they will come up with a number of good arguments – perhaps not good arguments to Charles Schumer, but good arguments to Republicans – not to have any more witnesses.

Schumer is not trying to convince all 53 Senate Republicans to support his proposal. He just needs four. There are 47 Democrats in the Senate. If Schumer can persuade four GOP senators to join Democrats, they'll have a majority of 51 and can force the calling of new witnesses. (Of course, Schumer is counting on Democrats voting as a bloc against the president, which is probably a good bet.)

If Schumer gets what he wants, it seems hard to believe that will be the end of it. The request for more witnesses appears designed to lead not to closure, but to re-opening the case against Trump in this way: If Democrats can introduce new testimony in the trial, they can say the new testimony has raised new questions that will require new investigation. And new investigation will require more new witnesses, which will surely lead to more new questions, which ...

Call it the Brett Kavanaugh model of impeachment. During the Supreme Court justice's confirmation process, a hearing had already been held and Kavanaugh appeared on the way to joining the court. Then, up popped a new allegation – the Christine Blasey-Ford story – and Democrats demanded the case be re-opened, witnesses be interviewed, evidence be gathered, time be taken for more investigation. Republicans acceded to those demands, and the Kavanaugh confirmation careened off course for a while before GOP

lawmakers finally got it back on track.

It is not beyond imagination that a Senate impeachment trial, were it controlled by Schumer and his Democratic colleagues, might take a similarly unforeseen course. Beyond new witnesses, there are plenty of ways that could happen.

For example: On Monday, Dec. 16, lawyers for the House Judiciary Committee told a federal court it is essential that grand-jury materials from special counsel Robert Mueller's Trump-Russia investigation be given to House investigators. Why? Because it might help the impeachment effort. "If the House approves articles of impeachment," the lawyers argued, "relevant grand-jury material that the committee obtains in this litigation could be used during the subsequent Senate proceedings."

If the Judiciary Committee receives the information, there is little doubt its leaders will work with Senate Democrats to create the impression that there is new evidence so compelling that it absolutely must be included in the impeachment trial. And if Republicans disagree – what are they trying to hide?

Indeed, Schumer and his colleagues have prepared the way to characterize any move to limit the trial's scope as an effort to hide wrongdoing from the American people. "To engage in a trial without the facts coming out is to engage in a cover-up," he said Monday.

The bottom line is, Republicans should not believe for one minute that the campaign to remove the president will rely only on the case Democrats have built in the House. Schumer and other party leaders will scramble for new information to throw at the president, and at Republicans, until it is over. The GOP, and the White House, need to be ready.

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Trump is still winning

Spoiler alert: The Senate will acquit President Trump.

But you probably already knew that. Unless we step into an alternate reality, in which Majority Leader Mitch McConnell bursts into gales of laughter and begs Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., to please keep talking, it seems

Kathleen Parker



likely that the Senate won't call any White House officials to testify during the trial. McConnell said as much Tuesday morning in response to Minority Leader Chuck Schumer's request that the Senate call four witnesses, including acting White House chief

of staff Mick Mulvaney and former national security adviser John Bolton.

"It is not the Senate's job to leap into the breach and search desperately for ways to get to 'guilty,'" McConnell said. "That would hardly be impartial justice. ... If House Democrats' case is this deficient, this thin, the answer is not for the judge and jury to cure it here in the Senate. The answer is that the House should not impeach on this basis in the first place."

McConnell criticized the House process as rushed and harked back to the good ol' days of 1999 and the trial of then-President Clinton as the correct model to follow. No witnesses testified in-person then, either, though McConnell advocated for it and three witnesses were deposited at the Senate's request. As Schumer has pointed out, the witnesses Republicans wanted to appear had already given grand jury testimony.

In contrast, this time around none of Schumer's requested witnesses have been heard from in any form or forum. What's clear is that Republicans fear what White House officials might say about Trump and Ukraine; Democrats fear that Trump will not only walk away from the impeachment but also win reelection. Be afraid, be very afraid.

It's a virtual certainty that Trump will emerge relatively unscathed and, credibly, unfazed. Not only are his supporters more stalwart than ever but, ahem, as I predicted a couple of columns ago, his base is expanding. Since the impeachment proceedings began, 600,000 new donors have contributed to the Republican National Committee, according to Axios. Last week alone, just as the House Judiciary Committee adopted two articles of impeachment, the Trump campaign and RNC together took in more than \$10 million in small-dollar donations.

The Democratic National Committee made no such commensurate gains, though some Democrats running against designated Republican villains, such as California Rep. Devin Nunes, did see an uptick in fundraising.

Suffice to say, the Democrats have probably damaged themselves more than they have Trump, whose approval ratings have remained relatively steady between a low of 35 percent in 2017 and a high of 46 percent in April 2019 – no matter what he does to whom, according to Gallup. The latest Real Clear Politics poll average has him at 44 percent approval, which is slightly higher than in early October.

Meanwhile, the handful of Democratic presidential candidates still clinging to variations of hope and change face off Thursday in Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University after barely dodging a close encounter with their own petards. A weeklong cafeteria workers' strike at the school had threatened to shut down the debate, as no self-respecting Democrat would cross a picket line.

Fortunately, negotiators were able to wrap things up and the debate is on. You can feel the excitement. I confess, however, to minor disappointment. Not that I have plans that night, but I had looked forward to these potential presidents joining the strikers.

In my daydream, ol' avuncular Joe Biden would embrace every single worker. Mayor Pete Buttigieg would tell about the cafeteria lady he helped cross the street that time at Harvard. Andrew Yang would skip the line and negotiate a universal basic income. Warren would show up wearing a food worker's hairnet in solidarity. Sen. Bernie Sanders would call Larry David to stand in so he could go home and rest.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar would ask one of the strikers if she could borrow a comb, having brought along her dinner salad. And, finally, billionaire Tom Steyer would walk the line shaking hands and muttering, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry."

Which is to say: Unless a photo surfaces showing late-comer Michael Bloomberg shooting a polar bear while slurping an extra-large, sugar-laden soda, you can expect a Trump sequel in 2020. Sorry for the spoiler.

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Satisfy your wanderlust with this fragrant curry

BY LYNDA BALSLEV

It's that time of year again. As the holiday season winds down, the reality of winter sets in, and with that comes a bout of culinary wanderlust. Over-sated and over-stimulated with the goodies and activity of Christmas past, it's now time for comfort and warmth.

Satisfying, fragrant soups and stews, heady with spice, tease the senses and hint of sunny far-flung destinations. You might call it escapism or a craving for carefree ease and simplicity, but I can't think of a better way to greet January head-on.

This curry is rich, bright and bursting with flavor. It's also easy to make and extremely versatile. You can add additional vegetables to the stew, such as carrot and cauliflower. Be sure to taste a small piece of the jalapeno before adding it to the stew, since they can vary in heat. Remember that their heat is concentrated in the membranes of the pepper, so remove or include the membranes to suit your taste. A

squeeze of lime juice is essential to brightening the stew and giving it a little kick of acidity.

Best of all, this dish can be prepared in 30 minutes, which leaves you just enough time to cook some rice to serve with the stew.

Shrimp Curry

- Active Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes
Yield: Serves 4
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 green jalapeno pepper, stemmed and seeded, finely chopped
 - 2 tablespoons grated fresh peeled ginger
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons curry powder
 - 1 (28-ounce) can chopped Italian plum tomatoes
 - 1 1/2 cups coconut milk
 - 1 medium zucchini, quartered lengthwise, each quarter sliced in 1/2-inch pieces
 - 1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
 - 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, plus extra for garnish
 - 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
 - 1 teaspoon salt

- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 to 2 teaspoons brown sugar (optional)
- Cooked basmati rice for serving
Lime wedges for serving

Heat the oil in a deep skillet or soup pot over medium heat. Add the onion and saute until soft, about 3 minutes. Add the garlic, jalapeno and ginger and saute until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in the curry powder and continue to cook until fragrant, about 1 minute more.

Add the tomatoes, coconut milk and zucchini. Bring to a boil and simmer until the vegetables are tender, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in the shrimp and cook until they turn pink and are just cooked through, 5 to 7 minutes.

Stir in the 1/4 cup cilantro, lime juice, salt and black pepper and taste for seasoning. If desired, add 1 to 2 teaspoons brown sugar to balance the flavor.

Ladle into bowls with cooked basmati rice. Garnish with additional cilantro and serve with lime wedges.



KICK: A squeeze of lime juice is essential to brightening the stew and giving it a little kick of acidity.



MEAL: Serve up with some warm, crusty bread for a quick and wholesome meal.

Quick eight-vegetable soup

BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

If you're rushing around this week, like we are to get ready for the new year or preparing to start the right diet, dinner may seem like a daunting new task. Don't worry! We have a healthy dish you can prepare in a breeze. Frozen versions of your favorite veggies cut down on prep time and thanks to flash-freezing technology, contain the same nutrients as their fresh counterparts. Beans add protein and extra fiber. Serve up with some warm, crusty bread for a quick and wholesome meal.

Baby Greens with Blackberry Vinaigrette

- 1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small chopped onion
- 4 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup frozen baby lima beans
- 1 (15 oz.) can no salt added back, Great Northern, or navy beans
- 1 cup frozen mixed vegetables
- 1/2 cup frozen tri-colored bell peppers
- 2 tsp. dried oregano or thyme
- Pinch of dried red pepper flakes
- 1 cup frozen broccoli florets
- Salt, to taste
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook until translucent, 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add broth and bring liquid to boil. Add lima beans, reduce heat and simmer, covered for 5 minutes.

Add canned beans, mixed vegetables, peppers, oregano and pepper flakes and simmer, covered for 5 minutes. Add broccoli, cover, and cook for 5 minutes. Add salt to taste.

This soups keeps covered in refrigerator for 3 days. Reheat in covered pot over medium heat.

To serve, divide soup among deep bowls. Top each serving with 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese, or pass it separately at table.

Makes 4 servings.
Per 1 2/3 cup Serving: 220 calories, 5 g total fat (1.5 g saturated fat), 30 g carbohydrate, 9 g dietary fiber, 11 g protein, 350 mg sodium.

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Cafes are banishing disposable coffee cups

BY JOCELYN GECKER
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A new cafe culture is brewing in the San Francisco area, where a growing number of coffee houses are banishing paper to-go cups and replacing them with everything from glass jars to rental mugs and BYO cup policies.

What started as a small trend among neighborhood cafes to reduce waste is gaining support from some big names in the city's food and coffee world.

Celebrated chef Dominique Crenn, owner of the three-star Michelin restaurant Atelier Crenn, is opening a San Francisco cafe next year that will have no to-go bags or disposable coffee cups and will use no plastic. Customers who plan to sip and go at Boutique Crenn will be encouraged to bring their own coffee cups, says spokeswoman Kate Bittman.

On a bigger scale, the Blue Bottle coffeehouse chain, which goes through about 15,000 to-go cups a month at its 70 U.S. locations, says it wants to "show our guests and the world that we can eliminate disposable cups."

Blue Bottle is starting small with plans to stop using paper cups at two of its San Francisco area branches

in 2020, as part of a pledge to go "zero waste" by the end of next year. Coffee to-go customers will have to bring their own mug or pay a deposit for a reusable cup, which they can keep or return for a refund. The deposit fee will likely be between \$3 and \$5, the company said.

Blue Bottle's pilot program will help guide the company on how to expand the idea nationwide, CEO Bryan Meehan said in a statement.

"We expect to lose some business," he said. "We know some of our guests won't like it — and we're prepared for that."

Larger coffee and fast-food chains around the U.S. are feeling a sense of urgency to be more environmentally friendly, and will no doubt be watching, said Bridget Croke, of New York-based recycling investment firm Closed Loop Partners, which is working with Starbucks and McDonald's to develop an eco-friendly alternative to the disposable coffee cup.

Despite the name, today's conventional paper cups for hot drinks aren't made solely from paper. They also have plastic linings that prevent leakage but make them hard to recycle, Croke said.

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Illinois man gets 55 years in stabbing of cousin in Indiana

WARSAW (AP) — An Illinois man has been sentenced to 55 years in prison in the 2017 murder of his cousin, who was stabbed 63 times and found near a road in Indiana.

Derrick Lavelle Wandrick, 36, was sentenced in Kosciusko Circuit Court Monday for the murder of 21-year-old David Lamont Strowder Jr., according to court records. The Elkhart man was found in a ditch in October 2017.

Wandrick, of Harvey, Illinois, claimed he has no recollection of the incident. His attorney, Jay Rigdon, said in court that his client is sorry.

“He is as sorry as sorry can be,” Rigdon said, according to The (Warsaw) Times-Union “He’s got a family member who is no longer alive and he doesn’t have a clue why.”

But Judge Michael Reed said he didn’t hear remorse or evidence of drug use or mental illness, as Wandrick’s mother suggested in court.

“I really never heard from you that you’re sorry,” Reed said. “I never heard any remorse from you, sir. To do something like that to someone you’re close with, with no explanation blows my mind.”

Under the plea deal, Wandrick will also pay roughly \$2,500 in restitution to Strowder’s family for funeral expenses.

The victim’s family was in court but declined comment.

Reenactment of Washington’s crossing of Delaware completed

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa. (AP) — Thousands turned out Wednesday to watch the annual reenactment of George Washington’s daring Christmas Day crossing of the Delaware River in 1776 – the first time the crossing was completed in three years.

The event was scrapped because of bad weather the last two years, but historical interpreter Nancy O’Leary said at Washington Crossing Historical Park that the conditions this year “couldn’t be better.”

“We had lovely weather, and we probably had record attendance,” said Jennifer Martin, executive director of the Friends of Washington Crossing Park. She estimated that 4,500 to 5,000 people were watching the event, the highlight of a historical reenactment that draws people to the banks of the river in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, and Titusville, New Jersey.

Other activities include Washington’s address to his troops, historical speeches and processions, and staff in period clothing providing public interpretation.

Last year, high water conditions scuttled plans for the crossing in the wooden Durham boats. The year before, high winds prompted cancellation of the event.

In the original crossing, boats ferried 2,400 soldiers, 200 horses and 18 cannons across the river. Washington’s troops marched 8 miles downriver before battling Hessian mercenaries in the streets of Trenton. Thirty Hessians were killed, and two Continental soldiers froze to death on the march.

Notre Dame rector: Fragile cathedral might not be saved

BY JEFFREY SCHAEFFER and ANGELA CHARLTON Associated Press

PARIS — The rector of Notre Dame Cathedral says the Paris landmark is still so fragile that there’s a “50 percent chance” the structure might not be saved, because scaffolding installed before this year’s fire is threatening the vaults of the Gothic monument.

Monsignor Patrick Chauvet said restoration work isn’t likely to begin until 2021 – and described his “heartache” that Notre Dame couldn’t hold Christmas services this year, for the first time since the French Revolution.

“Today it is not out of danger,” he told The Associated Press on the sidelines of Christmas Eve midnight Mass in a nearby church. “It will be out of danger when we take out the remaining scaffolding.”

“Today we can say that there is maybe a 50 percent chance that it will be saved. There is also 50 percent chance of scaffolding falling onto the three vaults, so as you can see the building is still very fragile,” he said.

The 12th-century cathedral was under renovation at the time of the accidental April fire, which destroyed its roof and collapsed its spire. With no more roof to keep the massive stone structure stable, the cathedral’s surviving vaults are crucial to keeping it standing, but they are vulnerable.

Some 50,000 tubes of scaffolding crisscrossed the back of the edifice at the time of the fire, and some were damaged. Removing them without causing further problems is one of the toughest parts of the clean-up effort.

“We need to remove completely the scaffolding in order to make the building safe, so in 2021 we will probably start the restoration of the cathedral,” Chauvet said. “Once the scaffolding is removed we need to assess the state of the cathedral, the quantity of stones to be removed and replaced.”

Chauvet estimated it would take another three years after that to make it safe enough for people to re-enter the cathedral, but that the full restoration will take longer. President Emmanuel Macron has said he wants it rebuilt by 2024, when Paris hosts the Olympics, but experts have questioned whether that time frame is realistic.

Another reason it’s still too dangerous to host religious services inside Notre Dame: The fire released tons of toxic lead dust, and authorities are working to clean it up and assess related health risks.

Notre Dame’s symbolism reaches far and wide. Church officials estimated 2 million people from around the world visited the cathedral during the holiday season.

Tourists can photograph it from nearby embankments, but they can no longer hear its organs or get a close view of its stone carvings and masterpiece rose windows. The vast forecourt is barricaded, barren of its Christmas tree.

But its congregation, clergy and choir are keeping its spirit alive, and decamped Christmas celebrations to the Saint-Germain l’Auxerrois Church across from the Louvre Museum instead.

Parishioners shared sorrow about the fire, but also a feeling of solidarity.

“I remember my mother told me that she was watching TV, and that there was a fire at Notre Dame. I told her ‘it’s not possible,’ and I took my bike, and when I arrived I was crying,” said Jean-Luc Bodam, a Parisian engineer who used to cross town to attend services at the cathedral.

“We are French, we are going to try to rebuild Notre Dame as it was before, because it is a symbol,” he said.

Afghan official says Taliban abducted 26 peace activists

BY TAMEEM AKHGAR Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban ambushed a peace convoy in western Afghanistan and abducted 26 activists, members of a peace movement, a police spokesman said Wednesday.

The insurgents staged the ambush in the district of Bala Buluk in Farah province on Tuesday. The Taliban forced the six-vehicle convoy to a halt, then got into the cars and drove them and the activists to an unknown location, said the provincial police spokesman Mohibullah Mohib.

According to Mohib, a police operation is underway to locate and free the activists whose convoy was going village-to-village to rally for peace.


However, Bismillah Watandost of the People’s Peace Movement of Afghanistan, to which the activists belong, said that 27 of their members were abducted by the Taliban in the Farah assault. The different figures could not immediately be reconciled.

The Taliban, who have been active in Farah, have not claimed responsibility for the abductions. However, Watandost also said that tribal elders in the province immediately launched an effort to negotiate with the Taliban to release the abducted activists. He added that phone lines were down in the region, making communication and getting information from the area difficult.

The Taliban today hold sway or control practically half of Afghanistan and are at their strongest since the 2001 U.S.-invasion. They continue to stage near-daily attacks targeting Afghan and U.S. forces, as well as government officials – even as they hold peace talks with a U.S. envoy tasked with negotiating an end to the 18-year conflict, America’s longest war.

The latest rallies by the activists from the People’s Peace Movement of Afghanistan started on Friday, first in southern Helmand province, a Taliban heartland.

At a similar series of peace rallies in October, the Taliban abducted six activists from the movement in eastern Logar province but released them the same day.

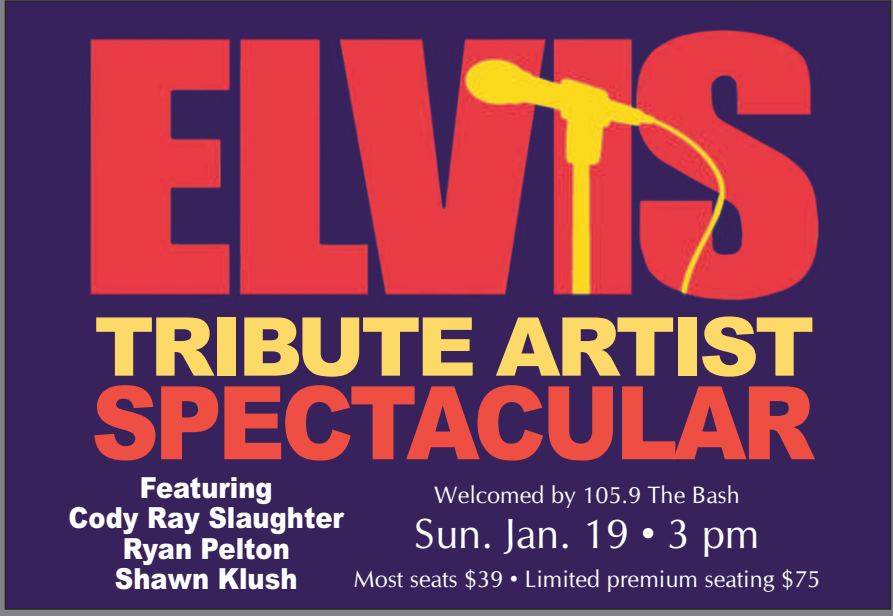


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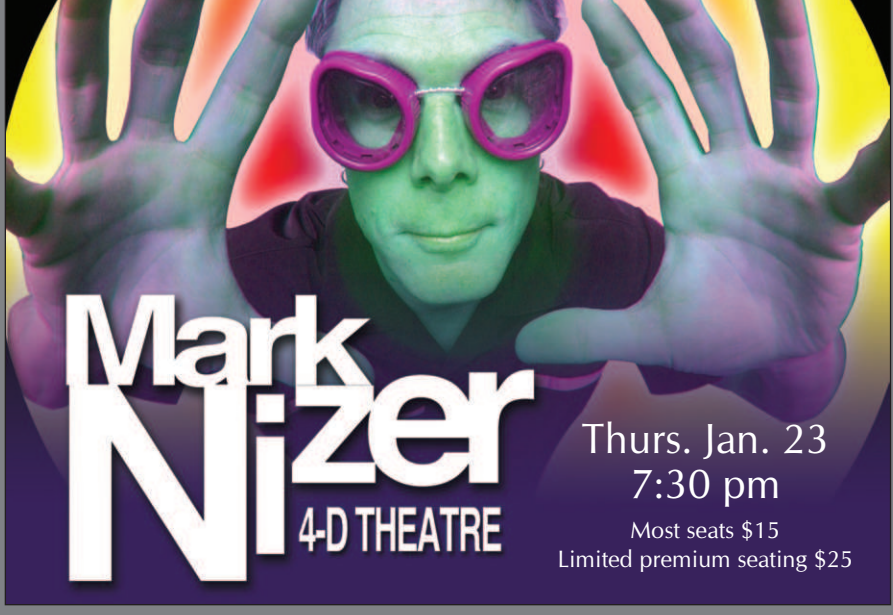


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ESPN college football reporter Edward Aschoff dies at 34

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — ESPN college football reporter Edward Aschoff, known for his outgoing and friendly personality, dapper dress and great love of sports, has died. He was 34.

The sports network announced Aschoff died Tuesday after a brief illness.

Aschoff joined ESPN in 2011 as part of the SEC blog network, which covers the NCAA Southeastern Conference. During the past three seasons, Aschoff reported from college campuses across the U.S. for ESPN.com, SportsCenter, SEC Network and ESPN radio, ESPN reported. He was both a television and radio sideline reporter during games.

A native of Oxford, Mississippi, and a 2008 graduate of the University of Florida, Aschoff previously covered recruiting and Florida football for The Gainesville Sun.

El-Amin scores 18 to lead Ball State over Portland 61-46

HONOLULU (AP) — Ishmael El-Amin scored 15 of his 18 points in the second half and Luke Bumbalough added 14 points as Ball State topped Portland 61-46 on Wednesday for seventh place in the Diamond Head Classic.

El-Amin and Bumbalough each made four 3-pointers as Ball State (7-6) was 10 of 37 from distance. The duo combined to make five 3-pointers in the first seven minutes of the second half for the first double-digit lead of the game at 38-27. The lead got as high as 18 from there and as low as eight.

Neither team was able to get much going offensively in the first half, heading to the locker room tied at 19. The Pilots' 19 first-half points marked a season low for the team.

Tahirou Diabate had 12 points for the Pilots (8-7), whose losing streak stretched to four games.

Ball St. plays Toledo at home on Jan. 3. Portland hosts Gonzaga on Jan. 2.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



JUMPER: Northfield's Emma Hoover (22) shoots a jumper over a trio of Apaches during last week's meeting between the two sides.

Exciting rematches set for county tournament

BY JACOB RUDE
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A pair of exciting match-ups last weekend set the stage for a pair of rematches to open the girls' basketball slate for the Wabash County Tournament.

Manchester (3-11) vs. Southwood (2-11), 3 p.m.

Last Friday, the Knights nearly pulled off a memorable comeback at home against Manchester, overcoming an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit before a late foul allowed the Squires to escape with a 34-31 win.

The two sides have struggled offensively this year, Southwood averaging 32.1 points per game and Manchester 33.7. The defenses have similarly struggled, the Knights allowing 45.3 points per game and the Squires 41.2 per game.

Southwood is led offensively this season by MaKenna Pace's 8.6 points per game. Erin Lehner chips in 6.0 points per game. For Manchester, Emma Garriott averages 6.8 points per game and Rannissa Shambarger adds 4.5 points.

Manchester has not won a county tournament title since 2005-06. The Squires have 12 Wabash County Tournament titles all-time, winning four straight from 1996-97 until 1999-00. Since that streak, though, the Squires have won just two titles.

Southwood, though, has never won a county tournament title dating back to the first tournament in 1976-77. The Knights also have the fewest runner-up appearances with just seven. The last time the Knights made the title game was 2013-14 against Northfield.

Northfield (7-4) vs. Wabash (6-6), 6:30 p.m.

The Norse were handed their first TRC loss of the season last Saturday at the hands of the Apaches. Wabash limited Northfield to 29 percent shooting from the field in the game and turned the Norse over 17 times to earn the upset victory.

Now, the two sides meet in a

rematch between the last 13 Wabash County Tournament titles. Northfield has won back-to-back tournament titles, knocking off the Apaches to open last year's tournament before beating the Squires in the final.

Prior to Northfield's last two titles, Wabash had won three straight County tourney titles and nine of 11 tournament titles. The two sides have dominated the tournament, winning 29 of the 41 county titles.

For Northfield this season, Addi Baker leads the team in scoring at 11.5 points and 8.1 rebounds per game. Emma Hoover also averages double figures at 10.5 points per game. Wabash is led by the duo of Alivia Short and Mariah Wyatt at 11.1 and 10.0 points per game. The two pull down an average of 15.1 rebounds per game as well on the year.

Northfield currently holds a five-game win streak in the county tournament with their last loss coming in the opening match-up against Manchester in 2016.

GOLF

Woods' comeback at Masters named AP Sports Story of the Year

BY EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

A green jacket. A heart-melting embrace. A stirring return to the top of golf by one of the sport's all-time greats.

In choosing Tiger Woods' victory at the Masters as The Associated Press sports story of the year, voters went with the uplifting escape of a great comeback over options that were as much about sports as the issues that enveloped them in 2019: politics, money and the growing push for equal pay and equal rights for women.

The balloters, a mix of AP member sports editors and AP beat writers, elevated Woods' rousing victory at Augusta National over the runner-up entry: the U.S. women's soccer team's victory at the World Cup. That month-long competition was punctuated by star Megan Rapinoe's push for pay equality for the women's team and an ongoing war of words with President Donald Trump.

Rapinoe's efforts to use sports as a platform to discuss bigger issues was hardly a one-off in 2019. Of the top 12 stories in the balloting, only three — titles won by the Toronto Raptors, Washington Nationals and University of Virginia basketball team — stuck mainly to what happened between the lines.

All the rest — including the blown call that cost the Saints a chance at the Super Bowl, a California law that threatens to upend the NCAA and Simone Biles' dominance at gymnastics' world championships, set against the backdrop of the sex-abuse crisis consuming the sport in the U.S. — were long-running sagas that went beyond a single day or event. They painted sports not as an escape from the world's problems but merely another window into them.

It's no stretch to say that the whole of the Woods saga — namely, the sordid, pain-riddled, decadelong prelude to his victory at Augusta National in April — would fit into that category, as well.

His downfall began in the wee hours the day after Thanksgiving in 2009, when he ran over a fire hydrant outside his house in Florida, triggering an avalanche of stories about infidelity that would lead to the breakup of his marriage and play into the near-destruction of his career.

Part 2 was the injuries. Woods came close but did not return to his dominant form after his return to golf following his breakup with his wife. And as time went on, his physical condition deteriorated. He didn't play in 2016 or 2017, and at the end of '17, he conceded his back was so bad that his days of competitive golf might be behind him.

There were four risky back surgeries.

NBA

Hot 76ers deal Bucks a rare loss, 121-109

BY DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Joel Embiid outplayed Giannis Antetokounmpo in Philadelphia's first home Christmas game in 31 years, collecting 31 points and 11 rebounds to help the 3-point happy 76ers beat the Milwaukee Bucks 121-109 on Wednesday.

Tobias Harris sank five 3s, Josh Richardson and Furkan Korkmaz each had four and even Embiid hit three as part of Philly's season-high 21 3s (on 44 attempts) against a Bucks team that had the best record in the NBA.

Harris and Al Horford hit 3s over the final 90 seconds

to push back a late Bucks run, and the Sixers improved to 16-2 at home.

There was a charged atmosphere for the anticipated matchup featuring Embiid and Ben Simmons taking on Khris Middleton and Antetokounmpo. Fans dressed as elves, wore ugly sweaters and held signs that said all they wanted for Christmas was a Sixers win.

They got it, with Embiid using the national showcase to play like an MVP in a dominant first half that helped the Sixers take the biggest halftime lead (21 points) against the Bucks under coach Mike Budenholzer.

Embiid scored 23 points and was disruptive defensively, holding Antetokounmpo to 4-for-14 shooting in the half. The Sixers hit 11 3s in the half and made the NBA-best Bucks (27-5) look like anything but Eastern Conference contenders. Embiid stood firm under the basket, arms extended sky high on one Antetokounmpo drive in transition. Embiid absorbed the contact and the "Greek Freak" lost control of the ball, one of six Milwaukee turnovers at the break.

76ers coach Brett Brown said before the game the Bucks were "NBA royalty."

They have a ways to go

before they're crowned tops in the East.

With fans chanting "Trust the Process!" on Embiid free throws, the All-Star center was worthy of the holiday highlight video.

"I reminded our team, people in America have more appreciation for this day in the NBA," Brown said. "We're grateful for the opportunity."

The Sixers aced their test against the NBA's best.

"I'm not going to overvalue one game," 76ers general manager Elton Brand said, "but it's a good barometer."

It wasn't just Embiid that flustered the Bucks. Korkmaz was knocked on his

rear and buried Philly's 16th 3 of the game late in the third for a 93-67 lead that had the crowd going wild. Korkmaz's shot capped a string of 3s on five straight Sixers baskets. Mike Scott, the reserve better known for his man-of-the-people pop-up appearances, became the seventh Sixer to hit a 3 for a 98-70 lead. The 76ers led 100-73 through three.

Middleton scored 31 points and Antetokounmpo had 18 points and 14 rebounds. Antetokounmpo got flustered over a perceived missed call and was whistled for a technical in

SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Indiana High School Boys Basketball Top 10 Teams

The Associated Press Top 10 Indiana high school boys basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, rating points and previous rankings:

Class 4A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Lawrence North (15)	7-0	318	1	
2. Bloomington South (1)	7-0	282	2	
3. Lafayette Jeff	7-0	232	3	
4. Lawrence Central	4-1	206	4	
5. Warren Central	4-0	172	5	
6. Floyd Central	6-1	145	6	
7. Fishers	7-0	143	8	
8. Brownsburg	7-1	136	7	
9. Westfield	6-0	109	9	
10. S. Bend Adams	7-0	83	10	
Class 3A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Silver Creek (16)	7-0	320	1	
2. Heritage Hills	5-1	249	3	
3. Connersville	7-0	241	4	
4. Danville	7-1	190	2	
5. Norwell	6-0	189	9	
6. Greensburg	4-1	158	5	
7. Indpls Brebeuf	5-1	153	6	
8. S. Bend St. Joseph's	5-1	110	10	
9. Delta	5-1	96	NR	
10. N. Harrison	4-1	50	NR	

Others receiving votes:
Bloomington North 32, Jeffersonville 15, Columbus North 14, New Albany 12, Indpls Cathedral 8, Chesterton 6, Indpls Pike 6.

Class 2A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Linton-Stockton (10)	5-0	298	1	
2. Ft. Wayne Blackhawk (6)	5-0	292	2	
3. Blackford	5-0	246	3	
4. Shenandoah	4-1	231	4	
5. Prairie Hts.	8-0	180	5	
6. Ev. Mater Dei	6-1	151	7	
7. Tipton	8-1	123	6	
8. S. Decatur	7-0	120	NR	
9. Paoli	5-1	77	NR	
10. Indpls Howe	6-1	62	NR	

Others receiving votes:
Wapahani 36, Indpls Park Tudor 24, Northwestern 20, Forest Park 15, Whiting 10, Lapel 9, Providence 7, Andean 7, Westview 6, Bluffton 6.

Class A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Barr-Reeve (11)	5-0	308	2	
2. Gary 21st Century (4)	6-1	251	1	
3. Greenwood Christian (1)	6-0	240	4	
4. Bloomfield	5-0	232	3	
5. Kouts	6-0	213	5	
6. Covington	5-2	156	6	
7. Logansport	6-1	140	8	
8. Lafayette Catholic	5-2	132	7	
9. Providence Cristo Rey	7-0	119	10	
10. Dubois	4-1	52	NR	

Others receiving votes:
Christian Academy 45, Oldenburg 26, Morristown 6.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
y-New England	12	3	0	.800	396
x-Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	308
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	263
Miami	4	11	0	.267	279

South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
y-Houston	10	5	0	.667	364
Tennessee	8	7	0	.533	367
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	341
Jacksonville	5	10	0	.333	262

North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
y-Baltimore	13	2	0	.867	503
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	279
Cleveland	6	9	0	.400	312
Cincinnati	1	14	0	.067	246

West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
y-Kansas City	11	4	0	.733	420
Oakland	7	8	0	.467	298
Denver	6	9	0	.400	266
L.A. Chargers	5	10	0	.333	316

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533	351
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	387
N.Y. Giants	4	11	0	.267	324
Washington	3	12	0	.200	250

South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
y-New Orleans	12	3	0	.800	416
Tampa Bay	7	8	0	.467	346
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	353
Carolina	5	10	0	.333	330

North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
y-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	353
x-Minnesota	10	5	0	.667	388
Chicago	7	8	0	.467	259
Detroit	3	11	0	.233	321

West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF
x-San Francisco	12	3	0	.800	453
x-Seattle	11	4	0	.733	384
L.A. Rams	8	7	0	.533	363
Arizona	5	9	1	.367	337

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y-clinched division

Sunday's Games

Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowl Game
Friday, Dec. 20
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau

Buffalo 31, Charlotte 9

Frisco (Texas) Bowl
Utah State 41

Saturday, Dec. 21
Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta

NC A&T 64, Alcorn State 44

New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque

San Diego State 48, Central Michigan 11

Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.

Liberty 23, Georgia Southern 16

Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
FAU 52, SMU 28

Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.

Arkansas State 34, FIU 26

Las Vegas Bowl
Washington 38, Boise State 7

New Orleans Bowl
Appalachian State 31, UAB 17

Monday, Dec. 23
Gasparilla Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.

UCF 48, Marshall 25

Tuesday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
Honolulu

Hawaii 38, BYU 34

Thursday, Dec. 26
Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.

Miami (6-6) vs. Louisiana Tech (9-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit

Pittsburgh (7-5) vs. Eastern Michigan (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.

North Carolina (6-6) vs. Temple (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Pinstripe Bowl
New York

Wake Forest (8-4) vs. Michigan State (6-6), 3:20 p.m. (ESPN)

Texas Bowl
Houston

Oklahoma State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 6:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
San Diego

Iowa (9-3) vs. Southern Cal (8-4), 8 p.m. (FS1)

Cheez-It Bowl
Phoenix

Air Force (10-2) vs. Washington State (6-6), 10:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 28
Camping World Bowl
Orlando, Fla.

Notre Dame (10-2) vs. Iowa State (7-5), Noon (ABC)

CALENDAR

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

4 p.m.
ESPN: The Independence

Bowl: Louisiana Tech vs. Miami, Shreveport, La.

8 p.m.
ESPN: The Quick Lane

Bowl: Pittsburgh vs. Eastern Michigan, Detroit

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m.
TNT: NY Knicks at Brook-

lyn

10:30 p.m.
TNT: Portland at Utah

SOCCER (MEN'S)

7:25 a.m.
NBCSN: Premier League:

Brighton at Tottenham

9:55 a.m.
NBCSN: Premier League:

Southampton at Chelsea

12:25 p.m.
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Newcastle United at Man-

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2:55 p.m.
NBCSN: Premier League:

Liverpool at Leicester City

9:30 p.m.
FS1: Liga MX: Club

América at Monterrey

TENNIS

10 p.m.
TENNIS: ATP/WTA: The

Hawaii Open, Quarterfinals,

Honolulu

Cotton Bowl Classic

Arlington, Texas

Penn State (10-2) vs. Memphis (12-1), Noon (ESPN)

Peach Bowl

Atlanta

CFP Semifinal, LSU (13-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-1), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl

Glendale, Ariz.

CFP Semifinal, Ohio State (13-0) vs. Clemson (13-0), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 30

SERVPRO First Responder Bowl

Dallas

Western Kentucky (8-4) vs. Western Michigan (7-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Music City Bowl

Nashville, Tenn.

Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Louisville (7-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Redbox Bowl

Santa Clara, Calif.

Illinois (6-6) vs. California (7-5), 4 p.m. (FOX)

Orange Bowl

Miami Gardens, Fla.

Florida (10-2) vs. Virginia (9-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Belk Bowl

Charlotte, N.C.

Kentucky (7-5) vs. Virginia Tech (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Sun Bowl

El Paso, Texas

Florida State (6-6) vs. Arizona State (7-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl

Memphis, Tenn.

Kansas State (8-4) vs. Navy (10-2), 3:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Arizona Bowl

Tucson, Ariz.

Wyoming (7-5) vs. Georgia St. (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (CBSSN)

Alamo Bowl

San Antonio

Texas (7-5) vs. Utah (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Citrus Bowl

Orlando, Fla.

Michigan (9-3) vs. Alabama (10-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Outback Bowl

Tampa, Fla.

Minnesota (10-2) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Rose Bowl

Pasadena, Calif.

Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl

New Orleans

Georgia (11-2) vs. Baylor (11-2), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)

NBA

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	22	7	.758	—
Philadelphia	23	10	.697	1
Toronto	21	10	.656	2½
Brooklyn	16	13	.552	6
New York	7	24	.226	16

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	8	.733	—
Orlando	13	17	.433	9
Charlotte	13	20	.394	10½
Washington	9	20	.310	12½
Atlanta	6	25	.194	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	27	5	.844	—
Indiana	21	10	.677	5½
Chicago	12	20	.375	15
Detroit	9	21	.355	15½
Cleveland	9	21	.300	17

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Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	9	.700	—
Dallas	19	10	.655	1½
San Antonio	12	17	.414	8½
Memphis	11	20	.355	10½
New Orleans	8	23	.258	13½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	21	8	.724	—
Utah	18	12	.600	3½
Oklahoma City	15	14	.517	6
Portland	14	17	.452	8
Minnesota	10	19	.345	11

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	24	6	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	22	10	.688	3
Sacramento	12	18	.400	12
Phoenix	11	19	.367	13
Golden State	7	24	.226	17½

Tuesday's Games

None Scheduled

Wednesday's Games

NFL

Arizona’s Kyler Murray learning the ways of NFL

BY DAVID BRANDT
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Quarterback Kyler Murray spent his rookie season with the Arizona Cardinals dealing with issues big and small: Becoming a leader, reading defenses, studying film and knowing when to use his speed.

Even where to put his Air-Pods on Sunday mornings so he doesn’t forget them and wreck his pregame routine.

“I was already like five minutes away from the house,” Murray said with a wry smile, adding it was too late to turn around. “It was tough. That was a tough morning.”

It was one of his few bad

moments in a promising season for the 22-year-old, who was selected by the Cardinals with the top pick despite being short for an NFL quarterback at 5-foot-10. His height hasn’t been an issue through 15 games and he’s mostly thrived under first-year coach Kliff Kingsbury and his “Air Raid”-style offense.

The Cardinals are in a good mood these days after winning two straight games against the Browns and Seahawks and improving to 5-9-1 for the season. The surge came too late to get into the playoff race, but there’s hope within the organization that better days are ahead in 2020.

Kingsbury and Murray have grown together throughout the past four months, learning how to communicate and work through the game plan so that the Cardinals are at their best on Sundays. The 40-year-old coach said Murray — who many describe as friendly but a little introverted — is slowly learning the difficult task of becoming the face of an organization.

“I think until you’re in that seat and feel that type of all-encompassing pressure each and every day, you don’t know what it is,” Kingsbury said. “Then you have a bunch of grown millionaires looking at you for direction and leadership and how you

carry yourself, and that’s a lot to walk into. I just think the comfort level of being able to handle that every day and that expectation on him every day.

“This franchise goes as he goes, whether it’s in a meeting or at practice or in a game. I think he’s growing into that.”

He’s also growing into quite a quarterback when it comes to things on the field. He’s thrown for 3,397 yards, 18 touchdowns and 10 interceptions while also running for 544 yards and four touchdowns.

He tweaked his right hamstring in a win against Seattle and Kingsbury said Murray is “day to day” for the season

finale against the Los Angeles Rams. Even if he can’t play on Sunday, his impact has already been noticed: He was selected as a Pro Bowl alternate last week.

Murray — as usual — took the news in stride.

“I’ve always been a level-headed guy,” Murray said. “I’ve had a lot of accolades throughout my career, but that hasn’t really changed me. I know that comes with the winning. If we win, a lot of guys are going to be noticed. That’s my main focus is winning at the end of the day. If guys get recognized, they get recognized. It’s obviously a great deal individually, but I’m trying to win.”

Murray’s favorite target

this season has been veteran receiver Larry Fitzgerald, who has 71 catches for 759 yards and four touchdowns. He has played with some great quarterbacks during his 16 seasons and says Murray has every chance to be just as good, if not better.

Fitzgerald said “playing quarterback in the National Football League is the hardest thing to do in sports” and that Murray’s physical talent and maturity have allowed him to have success immediately.

“He doesn’t really get too high or too low,” Fitzgerald said. “He has unbelievable confidence in his ability to make throws and be able to escape with his feet.

NFL

49ers-Seahawks showdown for NFC West is night game

BY BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFC West will be decided Sunday night in the NFL’s final game of the regular season. Too bad only one of the participants has anything close to its full side.

San Francisco (12-3) visits Seattle and the winner takes the division and possibly even more. But the Seahawks are severely undermanned on defense and in the offensive backfield. So much so that they dug into their past to bulk up their running game.

Marshawn Lynch brings Beast Mode back to the Pacific Northwest after the Seahawks’ backfield was decimated by injuries.

“What I needed to hear from him is where his heart is. Is he in it and does he want to go for it? Which he totally does,” Seattle coach Pete Carroll says. “He’s worked to prove that. I don’t doubt him one bit about that. He’s very sincere about how he presents himself to this game and it’s very important to him to be at his best and do well, and he’s going to do everything he can to make that happen.”

Lynch last played in Seattle in January 2016. If he is in a modicum of shape, he could contribute as Seattle seeks a better spot in the postseason.

The Niners, meanwhile, will earn home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs should they win.

“It’s going to be a 60-minute game,” quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo says. “You have to have your mind ready for that. When you get to these big games, two good football teams, it’s always going to go up until the last whistle, and we’ve had multiple experiences this year like that.”

San Francisco, ranked third in the AP Pro32, is a 3-point choice over No. 7 Seattle.

49ERS, 24-17

Week 17 always is a difficult read with several teams likely to sit key players as they prepare for the playoffs. A rule of thumb during the regular season of usually going with the

better roster doesn’t apply because, well, clubs with the better rosters aren’t necessarily playing those guys.

**No. 5 Green Bay (minus 9½)
at No. 31 Detroit**

Packers have to play their guys for shot at NFC home-field advantage. BEST BET: PACKERS, 30-13

**No. 24 New York Jets (plus 3½)
at No. 8 Buffalo**

Bills are set at fifth seed in AFC UPSET SPECIAL: JETS, 23-20

**No. 11 Philadelphia (minus 4½)
at No. 28 New York Giants**

After three gutsy victories in succession, can’t see Eagles not succeeding here. EAGLES, 24-20

**No. 14 Pittsburgh (minus 2)
at No. 1 Baltimore**

Steelers can sneak into postseason with win against resting Ravens. STEELERS, 19-15

**No. 13 Tennessee (minus 4½)
at No. 10 Houston**

Titans deny Steelers sliding in through playoff’s back door with their win. TITANS, 21-19

**No. 29 Miami (plus 15½)
at No. 6 New England**

Dolphins showed lots of moxie by winning four games with weak roster. PATRIOTS, 31-14

**No. 2 New Orleans (minus 13)
at No. 27 Carolina**

Will Michael Thomas catch 200 passes in 2020 season? Or against Panthers this Sunday? SAINTS, 35-13

**No. 25 Los Angeles Chargers (plus 7
1-2) at No. 4 Kansas City**

Chiefs suddenly have a defense. Will it hold up in postseason? CHIEFS 26-15

**No. 30 Washington (plus 10½)
at No. 15 Dallas**

Jerry’s guys will rue the opportunities they blew this season. COWBOYS, 20-16

**No. 17 (tie) Chicago (plus 7)
at No. 9 Minnesota**

Vikings know they will be wild card. Where they will play, who knows? VIKINGS, 20-17

**No. 22 Arizona (plus 7)
at No. 12 Los Angeles Rams**

If Bears weren’t NFL’s biggest flop, then maybe Rams were in 2019. RAMS, 29-23

**No. 23 Cleveland (minus 2½)
at No. 32 Cincinnati**

In some ways, Browns’ season was uglier than Bengals’ campaign. BROWNS, 30-17

**No. 17 (tie) Indianapolis (minus 3)
at No. 26 Jacksonville**

Never could figure out Colts this year. COLTS, 22-16

**No. 20 Atlanta (plus 1)
at No. 16 Tampa Bay**

Never could figure out Buccaneers, either. In another sad season for the Falcons after that recent Super Bowl bust, they salvage a win. FALCONS, 32-30

**No. 19 Oakland (plus 3½)
at No. 21 Denver**

In finale representing Bay Area, Raiders leave good memory. RAIDERS, 20-19

2019 RECORD:

Last Week: 8-8 against spread, 9-7 straight up.

Season Totals: 125-110-4 against spread, 142-95-1 straight up.

Best Bet: 12-4 against spread, 13-3 straight up.

Upset special: 7-9 against spread, 7-9 straight up.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Sooners count on experience and speed to handle LSU’s offense

BY GEORGE HENRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Oklahoma linebacker Kenneth Murray knows the Sooners’ defense is preparing for its toughest challenge of the season and believes experience on the national stage will be a big factor.

No. 1 LSU (13-0) enters the College Football Playoff semifinal in Saturday’s Peach Bowl leading the nation in yards per game and red-zone production. The Tigers are the first Southeastern Conference team with a 4,000-yard passer — Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow — a 1,200-yard rusher and two 1,000-yard receivers.

Murray is confident, though, that No. 4 Oklahoma (12-1) has plenty of momentum as the Big 12 champion, and the Sooners are familiar with this setting after making it to football’s final four for the third straight year and the fourth time in five seasons.

“I think it’s going to be extremely critical for us to use that experience to our advantage for this game,” Murray said. “I think we’ve been in a lot of big games as a group, and I think it’s just going to be extremely critical for us to just stay true to us and understand that if we just do our jobs, our jobs are enough to get done what we want to get done.”

LSU’s offensive line is arguably the nation’s best, but if the Tigers have an occasional weakness up front, it’s in pass protection. LSU ranks 77th in average sacks allowed, and Burrow went down 28 times after getting sacked 35 times last season.

But Oklahoma must knock off the Tigers without two of its top players. Sacks leader Ronnie Perkins is suspended for the game, and strong safety Delarrin Turner-Yell, second on the team in tackles, broke his collarbone in practice last week. Then there is starting nickel back Brendan Radley-Hiles, whose status is uncertain with a head injury.

The Sooners are no stranger to overcoming injuries this season.

Senior end Kenneth Mann was lost for the season against Iowa State early last month. Defensive back Tre Norwood has missed the entire year. Linebacker Jon Michael Terry started six games before he went down, and linebacker Caleb Kelly missed the first 10.

Still, replacing Perkins will be tough. His primary backup, Marcus Stripling, has one sack in 13 games, so one possible replacement could be Jalen Redmond, who shares a tackle spot with LaRon Stokes but played end last season. His 5.5 sacks this year are second on the team, and he had 1.5 in the Big 12 championship victory over Baylor.

First-year defensive coordinator Alex Grinch has grown accustomed to filling in the gaps, so he expects other players to step up and play well.

“It’s kind of been part of our story in 2019,” Grinch said of the injuries. “But we stick to what we do defensively. We feel like what we ask these guys to do on a week-to-week basis, regardless of opponent, puts them in the situation to be successful.”

The setbacks have hampered the Sooners, but LSU offensive coordinator Steve Ensminger still sees plenty of talent on the opposing side.

“This might be the fastest defense we face,” Ensminger said. “They can run. Their defensive line can run, their linebackers can run, their secondary can run. They present problems with their speed. And so it’s protection first. You got to be able to run the football against this team. Nobody has. You put up explosive runs on tape, and they’re not very many of them, so it’s got to be a good mixture.”

The Sooners’ quickness will affect his play selection, too.

“I think you have to be a little bit faster with this defense as far as calling plays and getting it in and let’s go,” Ensminger said. “It will be a challenge.”

Oklahoma has made considerable improvement under Grinch, moving from 119th to ninth nationally in third-down percentage, from 57th to 11th in tackles for a loss and up 90 spots to 24th in total yards.

Speed is the key, and Murray moves quickly. His 155 tackles ranked second in the Big 12 and were the most by a Sooner since Curtis Lofton in 2007.

“I think one of our goals this season was to have one of the fastest defenses in the country,” Murray said. “So I think that’s something that’s been presented to us by our coaches and that’s something that we truly try to embody.

“I think when coach Grinch first came in, he talked about straining to the ball. I think early on in the process, we found ourselves straining to the ball and not really understanding that if we strain to the ball, it really can become a weapon and really become our identity.”

The players up front like to bring it, too.

“It’s one thing when your fast guys are doing it, but even being a D-lineman, it’s a sense of pride that comes into playing at a high level consistency,” said nose guard Neville Gallimore, adding “that “and that goes back to coach Grinch and all the defensive coaches just kind of instilling that that’s not just something you do. It’s a requirement.”

NBA

Celtics get past Raptors, 118-102

BY IAN HARRISON
Associated Press

TORONTO — Boston’s Jaylen Brown celebrated Christmas with something he had never enjoyed before: a road win at Toronto.

Brown scored 30 points, Kemba Walker had 22 and the Celtics beat the Raptors 118-102 Wednesday in the first Christmas Day NBA game played in Canada.

“It was good to get a win here on Christmas,” said Brown, who made five 3-pointers and shot 10 for 13 from the field. “I’ve never won here period, so it was great to just get one.”

Enes Kanter had 12 points and 11 rebounds as the Celtics snapped an eight-game losing streak north of the border and became the first Atlantic Division opponent to win in Toronto in more than four years.

The Celtics have won four straight to improve to 8-2 in December.

Boston’s Gordon Hayward returned to the starting lineup after missing the past three games because of a sore left foot. He scored 14 points in 26 minutes.

“It’s still a little sore but it’s playable,” Hayward said. “It’s good, it’s good.”

Fred VanVleet scored 27 points in the Raptors’ second straight loss, and Chris Boucher had a career-high 24.

“We weren’t quite physical enough, I thought, for most stretches of the

game,” Toronto coach Nick Nurse said.

The Raptors are 2-2 since losing center Marc Gasol (left hamstring), guard Norman Powell (left shoulder) and forward Pascal Siakam (groin) to injuries. Nurse had no update on the status of the trio, but acknowledged their absence is making life difficult.

“Scoring is not very easy for us right now,” Nurse said. “It’s tough.”

Toronto had gone an NBA-record 34 games between home losses to division foes. The Raptors’ last home loss to an Atlantic team was a 111-109 defeat to the New York Knicks on Nov. 10, 2015.

Kyle Lowry scored 14 points and Serge Ibaka had 12 for Toronto. The Raptors shot 8 for 23 from 3-point range.

Kanter arrived dressed in a black t-shirt that read ‘Freedom for ALL’ in white letters. He played outside the United States for the first time since visiting Toronto with the Knicks on Nov. 10, 2018.

The Raptors jumped out to a 10-0 lead as the Celtics missed their first five shots of the game, leading to a Boston timeout with 10:03 left in the opening quarter. After the stoppage, the Celtics outscored Toronto 28-9 to lead 28-19 after one.

“They hit us early but I thought we recovered well,” Celtics coach Brad Stevens said.

Brown made all five of his field goal attempts in the third, including three from long range, and scored 16 points. Boston led 88-69 through three quarters.

TIP-INS

Celtics: G Marcus Smart (eye infection) traveled to Toronto but was not active. Smart has missed the past seven games. ... F Grant Williams dislocated his right index finger in the second quarter but returned before halftime. ... F Jayson Tatum shot 1 for 10 in the first half. He finished 5 for 18 and scored 11 points. ... Boston scored 11 points off seven Toronto turnovers in the first.

Raptors: Toronto made a season-worst seven 3-pointers in a Dec. 9 win at Chicago. ... Toronto’s only previous Christmas Day game was a 102-94 loss at New York in 2001.

HOME SWEET HOME

The road team won a Boston-Toronto game for the first time in 13 meetings.

HOT SHOTS

The Celtics shot 46 for 92 (50%). Boston is 8-0 this season when shooting 50% or better.

UP NEXT

Celtics: Host Cleveland on Friday

Raptors: Visit Boston on Saturday

Response to gender identity clouds family get-togethers

DEAR ABBY: We are expecting our first child after many years of struggling with infertility. We are overjoyed, to say the least. I have a wonderful parent who used to be my father but who now identifies as a woman I'll call "Grace." She's a supportive, loving, wonderful parent, and always was.

The problem is, the rest of the family has yet to see her transition. They are aware of what has happened, but are not comfortable with it. One family member keeps insisting that Grace is not transgender, just "confused." She says that if she ever saw Grace dressed as a woman, she would laugh.

When it comes to a celebration for our bundle of joy, how do I handle this? I can't imagine having the celebration without Grace, and I wouldn't dream of asking her to dress as a male because I know how uncomfortable she would be. But I'm afraid if she attends, none of the other family will come because they are so uncomfortable. — Transparent In Nevada

DEAR TRANSPARENT: Grace is not "confused." People do not change their gender identity on a lark. The transition is time-consuming and difficult. Grace deserves to be treated with compassion and common courtesy. Make this clear to your family members. If you feel that one or more of them would be so rude as to ridicule your parent, strike them from your guest list.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has not been in good health for years. He had an accident in 2007 in which his left arm was broken. The doctor did many surgeries over seven years, but he had to have it amputated in 2014.

Ten months ago, he suffered a debilitating stroke in the left lobe of his brain. He now has aphasia, the inability to use his right hand and arm, a loss of balance and he cannot walk unassisted. He must have help in all areas of daily living. I placed him in a rehab center, then into a nursing home.

The problem is, I feel so guilty about leaving him there. He isn't happy and he blames me for keeping him there. I visit as often as possible, but it isn't often enough for him I am sure. I am so disappointed. This is not the life that I had planned. Would you please tell me how to stop blaming myself, and how to accept this situation? — Sorry In The South

DEAR SORRY: My heart goes out to you and your husband. Not everyone is so fortunate as to live the life they have planned. If you haven't already done so, it may be time to reach out to your Area Agency on Aging and talk to someone there about what emotional support services may be available near you. The Eldercare Locator, which is sponsored by the U.S. Administration on Aging, is another resource.

Counseling can help you learn to accept this "new normal" and lessen your feelings of guilt for making a decision that, while not pleasant, is what your husband now requires so his needs are met. It will, however, be your responsibility to stay close and ensure that happens.

DEAR ABBY: There is conflict between two of my four adult children. They no longer speak to one another over some silly, childish issues. Should I, as the parent, interfere and try to resolve these issues? — Peacemaker In Philadelphia

DEAR PEACEMAKER: Resist the urge to "interfere." Your desire to patch things up is understandable, but because your children are adults, it should be up to them to resolve their differences without your intervention.

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Dear Abby



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- 22 Drying oven
- 23 Luau number
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- 28 "Witness" extras
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- 31 Way of Lao-tzu
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- 33 Strange sighting
- 35 View from Giza
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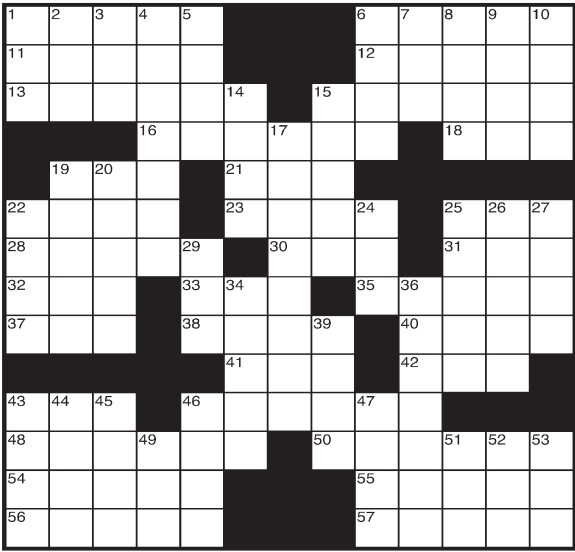
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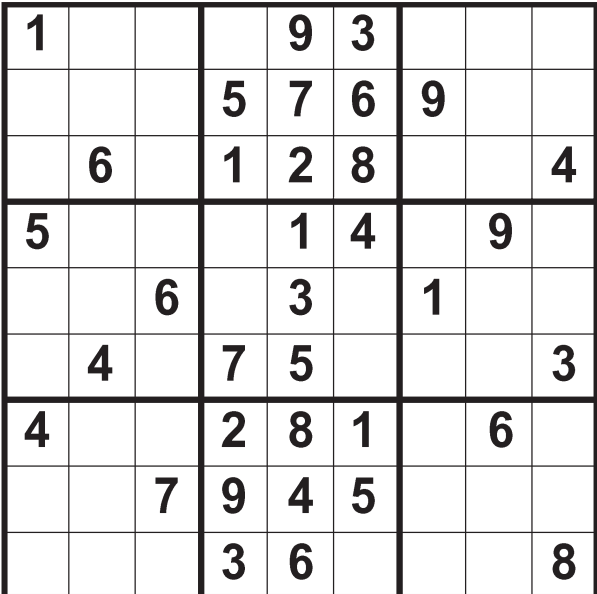
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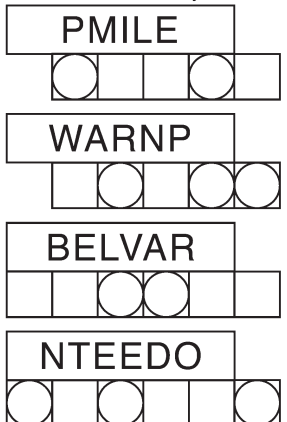
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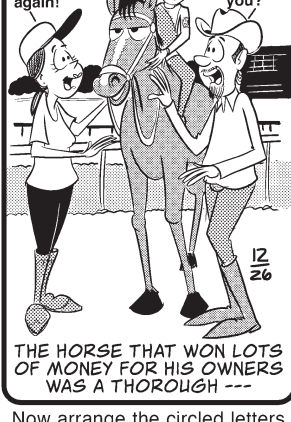
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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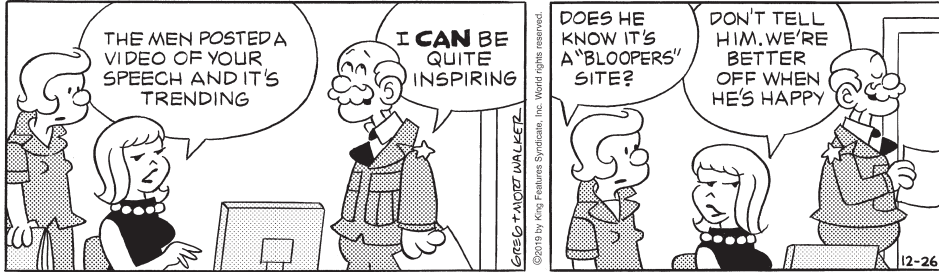
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"I'm gonna have to introduce my new doll to her sisters."

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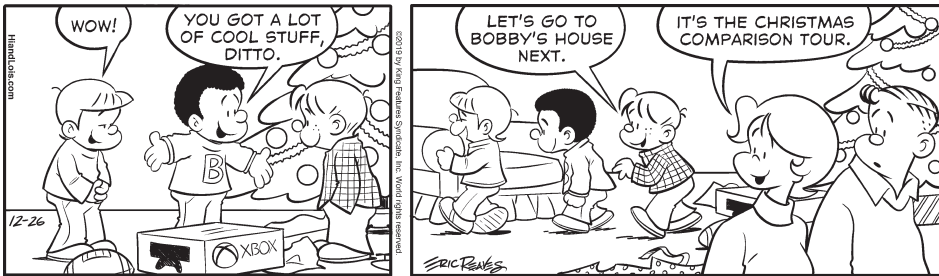
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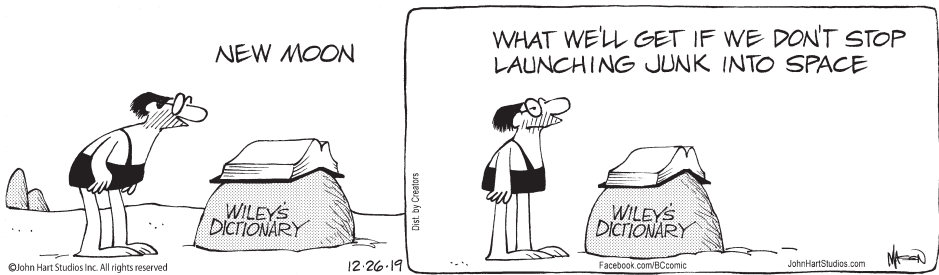
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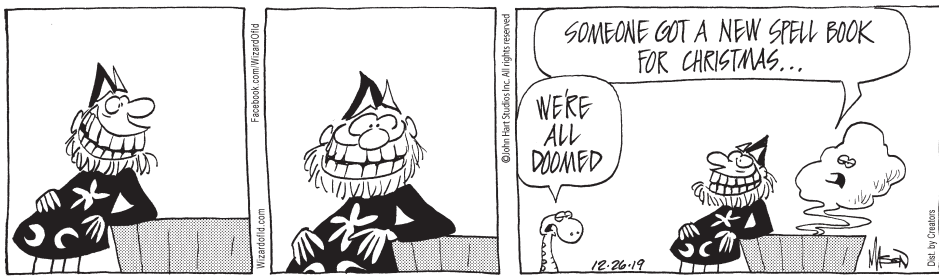
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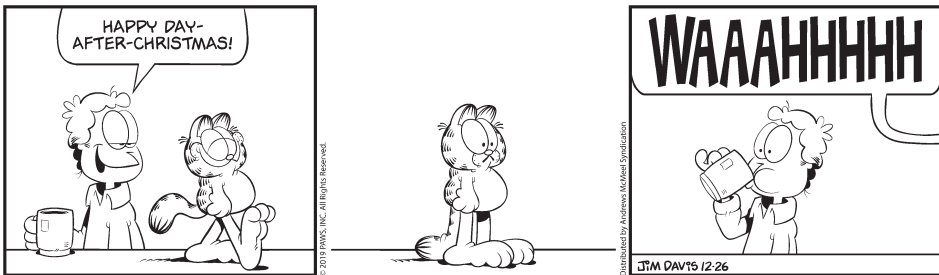
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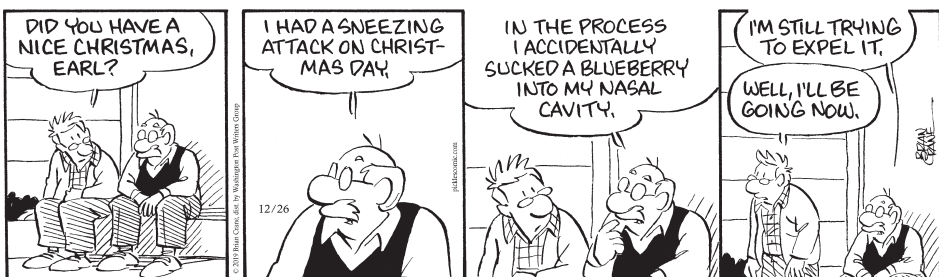
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There's only one way to salvation in Christ Jesus

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I gave my life to Christ as a child. My parents were thrilled but failed to write down the date. Some suggest that if I cannot point to a time and place, I am not really saved. Is this true? — C.S.

A: While there is only one way to salvation in Christ Jesus (John 14:6), people come to the moment of salvation in many different settings. Some conversions are sudden and dramatic, a radical change from one way of living to another. As Saul of Tarsus approached the city of Damascus on a mission to arrest followers of Jesus, a brilliant light suddenly blinded him and he heard the voice of the Lord (Acts 22:7). From that moment on, Saul received the revelation of Christ and be-

Billy Graham My Answer



gan serving the One he had once rejected.

Others come to Christ over time. The apostle Peter may have been like this — wavering and uncertain at first and only later coming to a firm commitment to Jesus. The Bible doesn't give the details. The important thing is not the circumstances of how we come to Christ, but that we do come, and that we are sure we are now trusting Christ for our salvation.

For those uncertain of their decision to receive Christ as personal Savior, don't let another moment go

by without settling where you stand with the Savior. Nowhere in the Bible are we promised a second chance after death, nor are we promised even one more day of life. The Bible tells us that today is the time for salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Certain things do happen when we give our lives to Christ, and if we understand what they are, it will give us a solid foundation against every doubt Satan hurls against us. We will have a new journey and we will never walk it alone, for Christ walks with us.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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